

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 31, 2005

SENATE BILL

No. 794

Introduced by Senator Scott

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 88532 to the Education Code, relating to vocational education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 794, as amended, Scott. Vocational education: requirements.

Existing law establishes economic and workforce regional development centers to provide specified services, and to perform specified functions relating to economic and workforce development.

This bill would require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to assist economic and workforce regional development centers and consortia including middle and junior high schools or high schools to improve linkages and career technical education pathways between high schools and community colleges for the benefit of pupils and students in both education systems, as described. *The bill would also require the State Allocation Board, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to report certain information with regard to career technical education facilities and programs to the Legislature by July 1, 2007.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 88532 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:

1 88532. (a) The board of governors shall assist economic and
2 workforce regional development centers and consortia including
3 middle and junior high schools or high schools to improve
4 linkages and career technical education pathways between high
5 schools and community colleges for the benefit of pupils and
6 students in both education systems. This assistance shall include
7 all of the following:

8 (1) Expanding certificate programs in identified economic
9 development program strategic priority areas.

10 (2) Aligning existing tech prep programs and career-technical
11 education curriculum between high schools and community
12 colleges to more targeted industry-driven programs through the
13 models consistent with economic and workforce development
14 strategic priority areas.

15 (3) Promoting the California Community Colleges Economic
16 Development Program's successful integration of business and
17 emerging industries with career technical programs provided in
18 high schools.

19 (4) Creating new articulated courses between high schools and
20 community colleges and, where appropriate, four-year
21 institutions.

22 (5) Accelerating education and training for those students who
23 choose to be prepared for career and technical employment
24 opportunities in less traditional and more expeditious methods
25 while maintaining and or improving student competencies.

26 (6) Exploring new and more relevant career and technical
27 practicum models that integrate coursework and student
28 internship.

29 (7) Improving the quality of career exploration and career
30 outreach materials.

31 (8) Disseminating materials and curriculum to all middle
32 schools and senior high schools.

33 (b) The Chancellor shall develop an implementation strategy
34 for the program objectives delineated in this section as a part of
35 the annual expenditure plan submitted to the advisory committee
36 for the California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce
37 Development Program and the board of governors.

38 (c) This section shall be operative only in fiscal years for
39 which funds have been appropriated by the Legislature expressly
40 for the purposes of this section.

1 *SEC. 2. The State Allocation Board shall, after consulting*
2 *with the State Department of Education, report all of the*
3 *following to the Legislature by July 1, 2007:*

4 *(a) The date of the construction, modernization, or*
5 *improvement of a project using funds from the deferred*
6 *maintenance accounts specified in Section 17070.75 and 17584*
7 *of the Education Code of all facilities used for career technical*
8 *education for pupils attending grades 9 to 12, inclusive.*

9 *(b) All equipment contained in each facility used in career*
10 *technical education for pupils attending grades 9 to 12, inclusive,*
11 *and a summary of equipment related expenditures by a school*
12 *district or county office of education of five hundred dollars*
13 *(\$500) or more, accrued since January 1, 2002.*

14 *(c) A description of career technical facilities used for pupils*
15 *attending grades 9 to 12, inclusive, that were closed or converted*
16 *to other uses since January 1, 1998, not including classrooms*
17 *that are suitable for multiple purposes.*

18 *(d) A description of career technical education programs for*
19 *pupils attending grades 9 to 12, inclusive, that were reduced or*
20 *eliminated since January 1, 1998.*